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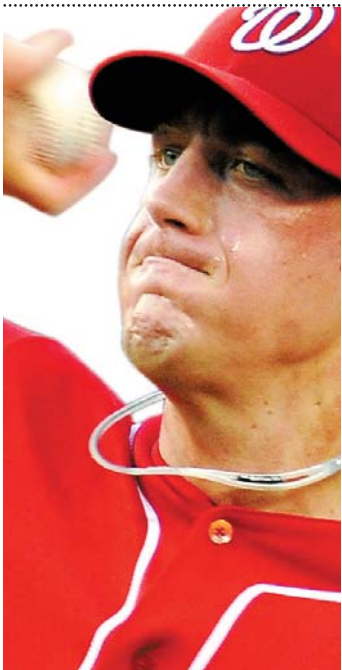
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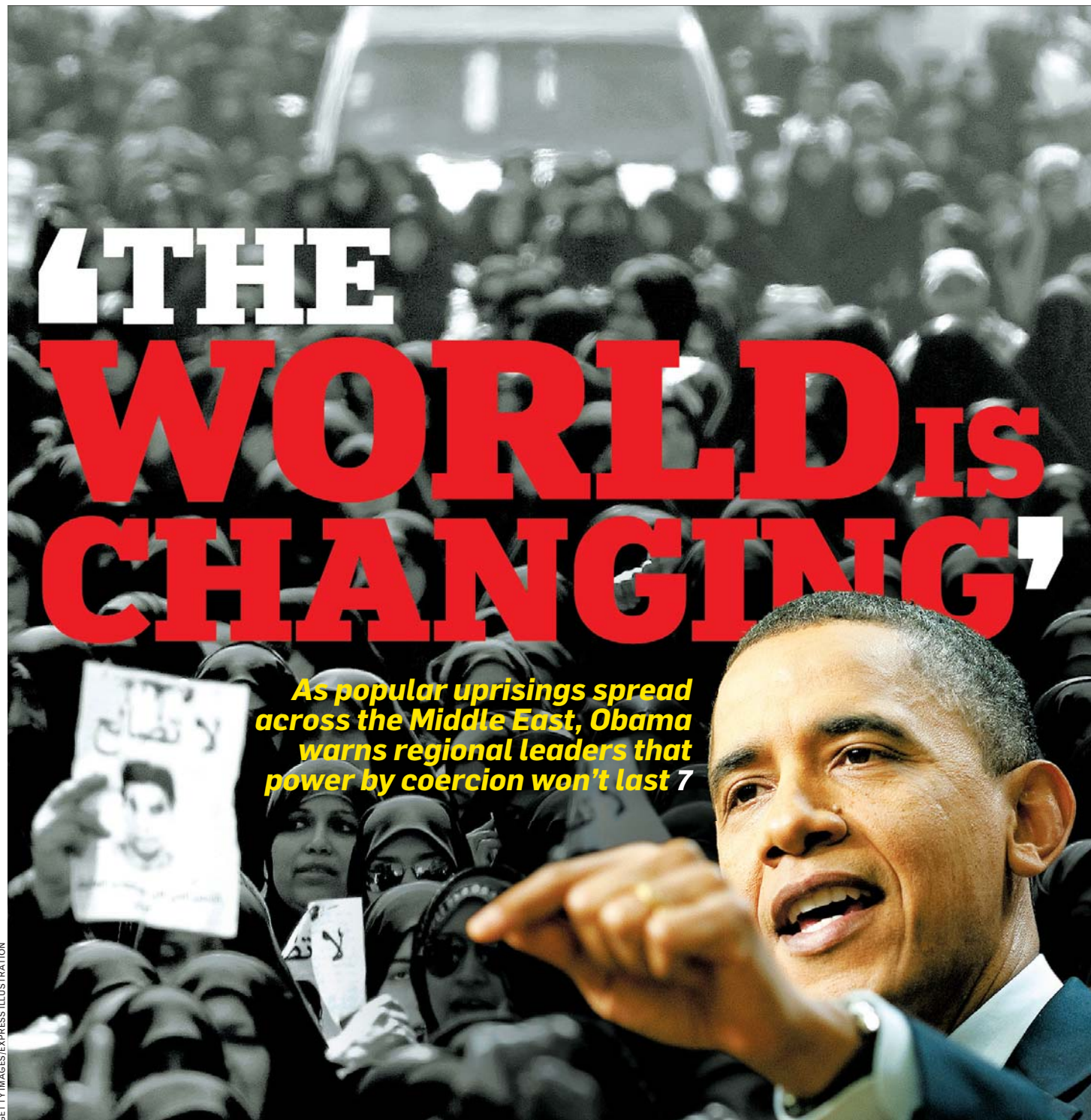
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‘Yes, I DO Want Cash Back’

A Vermont woman is the nation’s top grocery bagger. Krystal Smith, 24, won \$10,000 at the 2011 U.S. Best Bagger National Championship in Las Vegas. On Monday, she beat 21 others by filling three bags in 38 seconds. Contestants are judged on their ability to bag staples such as bread, milk and eggs, and on weight distribution, style, attitude and appearance. (AP)

Six Extra Little Piggies Called Into Service



The family of a Myanmar toddler with 12 fingers and 14 toes is seeking a Guinness world record. Le Yati Min’s mom said Tuesday that she’d be happy to see Le gain a world record, but her daughter already has a happy life, and some natural advantages: “She seems to have a stronger grip on things — so she doesn’t drop things much.” (AP)

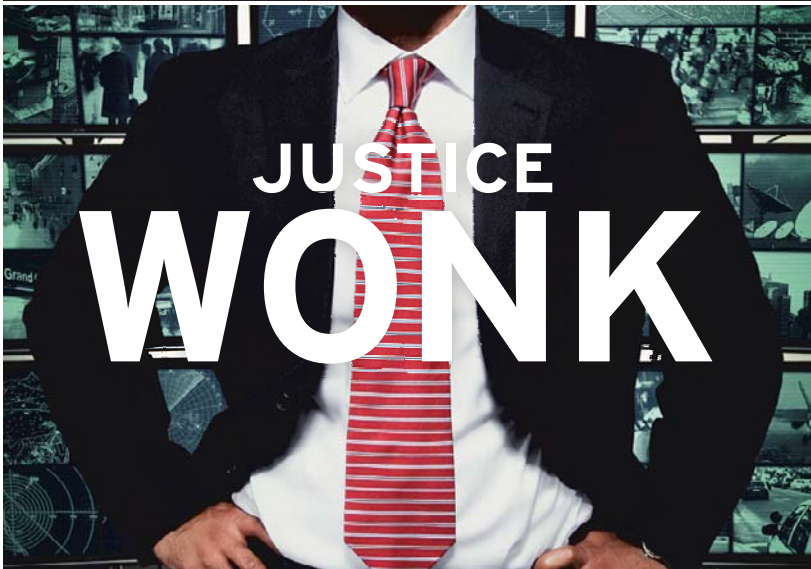
10-Fingered Man Wishes for Stronger Grip

A Colorado man had just proposed to his girlfriend on Valentine’s Day — and she said “yes” — when he dropped an heirloom wedding band into a storm drain in Denver. Firefighters came to the rescue and helped John Iverson find the ring, which took 45 minutes of sifting through sewer muck. Iverson did manage to get the diamond engagement ring onto his fiancée’s finger without a hitch. (AP)

The Big Picture



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS gather in Atlanta Tuesday to witness the naming of a 3-month-old giant panda cub born at the Atlanta Zoo. Jack Black, right, who is promoting “Kung Fu Panda II,” named the animal Po after the character he voices in the film. Po is the only giant panda born at a U.S. zoo last year (AP)



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WASHINGTON

Court Overturns Release Of Guantanamo Detainee

A U.S. appeals court on Tuesday overturned the release of a Guantanamo Bay detainee who says he was tortured into falsely confessing that he was part of al-Qaeda. Saeed Hatim's petition for release was granted in 2009, though he had to remain detained through the appeal. Tuesday's ruling said that decisions in other Guantanamo cases set new legal precedent and that Hatim's case must be heard again. (AP)

PALM COAST, FLA.

Dalai Lama Relative Dies After Being Struck by Car

The Dalai Lama's nephew, Jigme K. Norbu, was struck and killed Monday night by an SUV along a Florida highway while on a 300-mile walk to promote Tibetan independence from China. The driver has not been charged, officials said Tuesday. (AP)

HARRISBURG, PA.

Official: 6 Ousted So Far In Pa. Abortion Probe

Six state employees have been fired or resigned, and two Pennsylvania officials have overhauled regulations in the wake of allegations that a Philadelphia doctor performed illegal abortions that killed a patient and viable infants, Gov. Tom Corbett announced Tuesday. (AP)

Sparring Over Spending Renews

House GOP targets current budget as Obama defends plan

Washington

On a collision course over spending, House Republicans advanced a sweeping, \$61 billion package of budget reductions on Tuesday despite a swift veto threat and a warning from President Obama against unwise cuts "that could endanger the recovery."

Congressional Democrats said the Republican cuts would reduce U.S. employment rather than add to it, and leapt to criticize when House Speaker John Boehner said "so be it" if jobs are lost among the ranks of federal employees.

Spending legislation must be signed into law by March 4 to prevent a government shutdown that neither side says it wants. The GOP bill covers spending for the fiscal year that ends on Sept. 30.

The current legislation would affect domestic programs ranging from education and science to agriculture and parks, and it marks the



President Obama defends his budget plan Tuesday, calling for bipartisan efforts.

"There's a tendency for us to assume that if it didn't happen today, it's not going to happen."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, DISCUSSING ON TUESDAY THE CULTURE OF IMPATIENCE BEHIND WASHINGTON'S PUSH FOR INSTANT RESULTS, ESPECIALLY PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET.

first significant attack on federal deficits by the new GOP majority. Passage is expected by week's end in the House, but a frosty reception is expected in the Democrat-

ic-controlled Senate.

For all the maneuvering, the measure is merely a first round in what looms as a politically defining struggle that will soon expand to

encompass Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

In a reflection of tea party priorities, earmarks are banned in the bill. And in a fulfillment of a promise Republicans made to the voters last fall, about \$100 billion would be cut from funds that Obama requested for the current fiscal year.

While Republicans touted the bill as essential for deficit control, Democrats called it dangerous.

"With severe and indiscriminate spending cuts, it goes too far," said California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader.

Obama released his 2012 budget plan on Monday, and Republicans are expected to counter with their own blueprint later this spring.

Obama strongly defended his \$3.7 billion blueprint for federal spending on Tuesday, rejecting criticism that he should have proposed a more specific plan to reduce the long-term budget deficit. On Capitol Hill, White House budget director Jacob Lew and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner faced heat from Republicans over the budget plan. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)



Scan Slam: Misusing body scanner images would become a federal crime punishable by up to a year in prison under a proposal approved 98-0 Tuesday by the Senate. Sens. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., and Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., proposed the amendment to a pending aviation bill. The proposal would prohibit anyone with access to such images from photographing or disseminating them. Offenders also could be fined up to \$100,000 per violation. (AP)

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Nation

Doubts Arise in '01 Anthrax Case

Report: Evidence is 'not as definitive' as FBI initially claimed

Hagerstown, Md.

Federal investigators overstated the strength of the scientific evidence against a late Army researcher blamed for the anthrax mailings that killed five people in 2001, a panel of scientists said Tuesday after an 18-month review. However, the panel didn't contradict the FBI's conclusion that the Fort Detrick, Md., researcher was behind the letters.

The National Research Council committee held a briefing in Washington on its report, which examines the forensic techniques used by the FBI to determine that Bruce Ivins acted alone in making and sending the powdered spores.

Backstory



Bruce Ivins died of an apparently intentional Tylenol overdose in 2008 as the Justice Department prepared to indict the Army scientist in connection with the letters tainted with anthrax that killed five people in October and November 2001. Seventeen were sickened from exposure linked to the letters. Ivins had denied involvement, and his lawyer and some colleagues have maintained his innocence. (AP)

The panel questioned government assertions that the mailer must have had a high level of technical skill and that the parent material of the anthrax strain used in the attacks had to have come from a flask that Ivins alone

maintained.

"We find the scientific evidence to be consistent with their conclusions but not as definitive as stated," said Lehigh University President Alice P. Gast, who chaired the panel.

The FBI said in a statement that its conclusions were based on a traditional investigation as well as scientific findings. The agency said the science provided leads but alone rarely solves cases.

The report reveals that the FBI pursued a possible al-Qaeda link to the mailings by trying to grow anthrax from an overseas site at which a terrorist group's anthrax program was allegedly located. The samples had tested positive but wouldn't grow spores.

The committee said the methods used in the inconclusive tests should be explored in more detail. (AP)



App Ease? Apple Inc. announced Tuesday a subscription system for buying newspapers and magazines on iPhone and iPad applications, making it easier for publishers to mine the mobile devices for revenue. The system enables subscriptions to be sold by the week, month, year or other period of time, instead of asking readers to buy issues separately. The system also applies to video and music services — for instance, the app for Netflix. (AP)

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Berlusconi Indicted in Sex Probe

Italian PM's pending trial could deal fatal blow to political life

Milan

Italy's Silvio Berlusconi, who has dodged corruption trials and no-confidence votes with the skill of an Olympic athlete, faced a potentially fatal challenge to his power Tuesday when a judge ordered him to stand trial on prostitution and abuse-of-power charges.

Berlusconi is going on trial April 6 in Milan on charges that he paid for sex with a 17-year-old Moroccan girl and then tried to cover it up. Berlusconi has been in court for a number of business-related charges, but this is the first time the 74-year-old billionaire businessman is being tried for personal conduct.

The premier has called the accusations "groundless" and dismissed the case as a "farce," accusing prosecutors of seeking to oust him from power.

Judge Cristina Di Censo handed down the indictment with a terse statement that showed she believes



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Scandal-plagued Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi will head to trial April 6 in Milan.

there is sufficient evidence to subject Berlusconi to an immediate trial, as prosecutors had requested. The speeded-up procedure, which is ordered in cases of overwhelming evidence, skips a preliminary hearing. The trial will be heard by a panel of three judges, all of them women, all picked at random.

There was no comment from Berlusconi. He skipped a news conference in Sicily about immigration and did not talk to reporters upon arriving back home in Rome.

"We didn't expect anything different," said Piero Longo, one of Berlusconi's attorneys. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

Timeline: A Few of Berlusconi's Public Missteps

1994

Silvio Berlusconi goes into politics in January. In November, he is placed under investigation for allegedly bribing Italian tax authorities as head of his media and retailing empire.

2003

During a visit to the New York Stock Exchange, Berlusconi said, "Another reason to invest in Italy is that we have beautiful secretaries."

2006

Berlusconi said of China, "Read the black book of communism and you will discover that in the China of Mao, they did not eat children, but had them boiled to fertilize the fields."

2009

Berlusconi's second wife said she would divorce him after photos of him at the 18th birthday party of aspiring model Noemi Letizia surfaced.

2011



On Tuesday, a judge ordered Berlusconi to stand trial on prostitution and abuse-of-power charges. He's accused of paying for sex with a 17-year-old, called "Ruby," left.



Cat's Cradle: Larry, a 4-year-old tabby cat, arrived at his new home at 10 Downing Street, London, on Tuesday, tasked with warding off a pack of rats seen scuttling close to Prime Minister David Cameron's official residence. The former stray is the latest pet to be appointed Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office, an unofficial pest control post. The last holder of Larry's office, a male cat called Humphrey, retired in 1997 and died in 2006. (AP)

In Brief

PERUGIA, ITALY

Amanda Knox's Parents Indicted on Libel Charges

The parents of Amanda Knox, an American student convicted of murder in Italy, were ordered Tuesday to stand trial for alleging that Italian police abused their daughter. Curt Knox and Edda Mellas were indicted in Perugia on charges of libel, said the Italian news agency ANSA. (AP)

NEW YORK

CBS Reporter Recovering After Attack in Egypt

CBS News says correspondent Lara Logan is recovering in a U.S. hospital from a "brutal and sustained sexual assault and beating" while reporting on the tumultuous events in Cairo last Friday, the network said on Tuesday. Logan was in the city's Tahrir Square after Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak stepped down and was separated from her team. (AP)

BRAZILIA, BRAZIL

Brazil Court Apologizes For Twitter Message

The Brazilian Supreme Court has issued a public apology for a message sent on its Twitter account calling for the president of the Senate to resign. A note posted on the court's website says its Twitter account was improperly used by a court employee to issue "inappropriate messages for which this court offers its deepest apologies." (AP)

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U.S.: ‘Carrier Killer’ Not a Threat

Commander says
China’s missile won’t
force Navy changes

Yokisuka, Japan

A new “carrier killer” missile that has become a symbol of China’s rising military might will not force the U.S. Navy to change the way it operates in the Pacific, said a senior Navy commander.

Defense analysts say the Dong Feng 21D missile could upend the balance of power in Asia, where U.S. aircraft carrier battle groups have ruled the waves since the end of World War II.




VINCENT HAN/AP

Military vehicles carry the Dong Feng 21D missiles in a 2009 parade in Beijing.

However, Vice Adm. Scott van Buskirk, commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet, said that the Navy does not see the much-feared weapon as creating any insurmountable

vulnerability for the U.S. carriers — the Navy’s crown jewels: “It’s not the Achilles’ heel of our aircraft carriers or our Navy — it is one weapons system, one technology that is out there.”

The DF 21D is unique in that it is believed capable of hitting a powerfully defended moving target — like the USS George Washington — with pinpoint precision. The missile would penetrate defenses because its speed from launch would not allow enough time for carriers or other large ships to complete countermeasures. That could seriously weaken Washington’s ability to intervene in any potential conflict over Taiwan or North Korea. (AP)



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Obama: Time to Change

President presses leaders across the Middle East to get ahead of a new era

Washington

Warily watching protests ripple across the Middle East, President Obama said Tuesday that governments in the vital, volatile region are figuring out that they “can’t maintain power through coercion.” He slammed Iran as an exception, accusing the U.S. foe of beating and shooting protesters.

The public uprisings that toppled the leaders of Egypt and Tunisia have ignited protests and violent clashes in Bahrain, Yemen and Iran. With strategic U.S. interests in each of those countries, Obama conceded he is concerned about the region’s stability. And he prodded governments to get out ahead of the change.

In his most expansive comments yet about the unrest spilling across the Middle East and north Africa, Obama signaled that he would stick with his Egyptian model: Prod governments to allow peaceful protests and to respond to grievances, but stay silent about who should run the countries or what change should look like.

The Egyptian experience has cemented Obama’s doctrine of dealing with countries grappling with upheaval: direction that falls short of dictates. He said the lesson for all the nations is that they will see lasting change, and gain both international and internal support for it, only when it comes



Iranian parliament members call for the execution of opposition leaders Tuesday in response to Monday’s protests.

IN EGYPT, the long-banned Muslim Brotherhood said it will form a political party once democracy is established in Egypt but promised not to field a candidate for president, trying to allay fears at home and abroad that it seeks power. In a sign of growing acceptance, the Armed Forces Supreme Council included a former Brotherhood lawmaker on an eight-member panel tasked with amending the constitution enough to allow democratic elections later this year. (AP)

IN BAHRAIN, thousands of protesters took over a main square in the capital Tuesday in an attempt to copy Egypt’s uprising and force high-level changes in one of the U.S.’ key allies in the Gulf. The move capped two days of clashes across the tiny island kingdom that left at least two people dead, parliament in limbo and King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa making a rare address to offer condolences for the bloodshed. (AP)

IN IRAN, hardline lawmakers called for opposition leaders Mir Hossein Mousavi, Mahdi Karroubi and former reformist President Mohammad Khatamito face trial and be put to death, a day after clashes left two dead and dozens injured. (AP)

IN YEMEN, police and government supporters battled nearly 3,000 marchers calling for the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh in a fifth-straight day of violence. Saleh has been holding pivotal talks with Yemen’s powerful tribes. (AP)

through “moral force.”

“These are sovereign countries that are going to have to make their own decisions,” Obama said. “What we can do is lend moral support to those who are seeking a better life for themselves.”

Whether moral support is enough is often the issue as the United States tries to help shape events in the Middle East that are out of its control. The unrest in the region, and its potential impact on leadership of friendly and rival nations, can in turn affect U.S. economic, military and security interests.

Obama singled out Iran, where hardline lawmakers are calling for the country’s opposition leaders to face trial and be put to death. Tens of thousands of people turned out for an opposition rally Monday in solidarity with Egypt’s revolt, the first such demonstration since a violent crackdown on protesters in 2009.

What began with an uprising in Tunisia emboldened massive protests in Egypt, mobilized in part by the social media networks Facebook and Twitter. In less than three weeks, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down under enormous pressure, and the makings of a democracy are under way.

Now the White House is trying to get ahead of events across the Arab world even as Obama encourages other leaders to do the same. Obama said his message to friends and foes in the region is this: “The world is changing.”

“You have a young, vibrant generation within the Middle East that is looking for greater opportunity,” he said. “And if you are governing these countries, you’ve got to get out ahead of change.” **BEN FELLER (AP)**

“I find it ironic that you’ve got the Iranian regime pretending to celebrate what happened in Egypt, when in fact they have acted in direct contrast to what happened in Egypt by gunning down and beating people who were trying to express themselves peacefully in Iran.”

— **PRESIDENT OBAMA**, TAKING A TOUGH STANCE AGAINST IRAN FOR ITS VIOLENT CRACKDOWN DURING MONDAY’S PROTESTS. AT LEAST TWO WERE KILLED DURING THE RALLY.





Eternal Effort at Farragut

Work originally slated for 2 weeks will drag on into summer, Metro says

Rush-hour congestion at Farragut North Metro station — aggravated by structural repairs and escalator work — will likely continue for much of the year, according to Metro work schedules.

Riders have reported platforms so overcrowded during peak periods that customers often face delays of five minutes or more in moving through the fare gates.

A large construction project is under way to repair and shore up concrete structures at the station, including building a



Repairs to the ceiling of the Farragut North Metro Station remained unfinished on Monday.

new support column.

The project has required a large area of the platform near the L Street exits to be blocked off for more than a year.

On Monday, Metro spokesman Steven Taubenkibel said the work would last into the summer. A year ago, Metro officials estimated the repairs would take about two weeks.

A Metro maintenance crew found cracks in the station ceiling and moisture seeping through during a routine inspection in November 2009.

"A lot of work is taking place in the enclosed area" when the station is closed at night, Taubenkibel said, so customers do not see it. "It's completely safe," he added.

ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

METRO PULSE

Where do you think it is appropriate for moms to breast-feed?



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Local

SE May Get Whole Foods

Developer says deal would require \$8M in D.C. tax breaks

Washington

Whole Foods Market and a D.C. real estate firm are interested in building a new store in Southeast Washington near Nationals Park, but the developer says that luring the grocer would require \$8 million in tax breaks.

William C. Smith and Co. is proposing a 39,000-square-foot Whole Foods for 800 New Jersey Ave. SE as part of a building that would include 375 apartments.

The arrival of the popular grocer on the site, which is currently a parking lot, would possibly inject new life into a neighborhood where dozens of development plans have



BLOOMBERG NEWS

The proposed store site near Nationals Park would include 375 apartments.

stalled after the recent economic collapse. The developer, however, is asking that the city provide an \$8 million property-tax abatement over 10 years in order to make the project financially viable, a difficult request because the city filled a \$188 million budget gap for this

fiscal year and might face a shortfall of more than \$440 million next year.

Chris Smith, chief executive of William C. Smith, said opening a Whole Foods in Southeast would likely draw other restaurants and shops, much as the Logan Circle neighborhood enjoyed after the chain opened a store at 1440 P St. NW in 2001.

The site is on the northern edge of the ballpark redevelopment area, next to the Southeast Freeway, and is expected to lure shoppers from nearby Capitol Hill.

"We're hopeful that Whole Foods, similar to what it meant to P Street in Northwest, will do the same thing down here, creating sort of a nexus between Capitol Hill and Capitol Riverfront," Smith said.

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D.C. Throws Out Breath Tests

Washington

D.C.'s attorney general, Irvin Nathan, says his office won't use breath test results in drunken-driving prosecutions until he's been assured that the results are accurate.

Last year, D.C. police revealed problems with their breath testing equipment that sometimes resulted in the machines' showing people with higher blood-alcohol concentrations than they actually had.

Nathan says the issue hasn't deterred his office from pursuing drunken drivers; there have been 1,000 convictions since 2010. (AP)

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Artist Christylez Bacon performs in Terminal C at Reagan National Airport on Feb. 9

Dash of Hip-Hop in the Air For Black History Month

Washington

As travelers hurried through Terminal C at Reagan National Airport one day last week, something unusual caught their attention, prompting a mix of confusion and amusement.

The diversion was Christylez Bacon, who was playing the string guitar and African drum, while beat-boxing in a unique form of hip-hop. His 75-minute jam session was part of a new lunchtime concert series at Reagan and Dulles International Airport in recognition of Black History Month.

"Our goal is to just give our passengers something to enjoy," said Courtney Mickalonis, spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which controls Dulles and Reagan National.

"There are so many talented people in the D.C. area; we wanted to tap into that for our passengers," she said.

Bacon, a cheerful 24-year-old from Southeast Washington

with a broad smile, played on the album "Banjo to Beatbox," which was nominated for a Grammy last year. He released his debut album, "Advanced Artistry," in 2008. He describes his music as "progressive hip-hop," a blend of storytelling, rapping and beat-boxing — producing musical sounds, such as drum beats, with his mouth.

Bacon said he was honored to help launch the concert series.

"Black history, in how we're taught, stops at the civil rights movement," he said. "There are cats today making history."

Art has played a significant role at National and Dulles airports, where sculptures, exhibits and paintings are featured in the terminals.

The concert series is an expansion of the airports' art program, which will also include three sculptures, mixed-media art and portraits by local art students that will go into the international arrival facilities at Dulles this year.

KAFIA A. HOSH (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Night at the Museum

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art is opening its doors after hours to showcase exhibits, music, dance and African and Brazilian foods. The inaugural "Africa Underground" event, featuring an Afro-Brazilian DJ, will be held Friday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door, and visitors must be 21 or older. The museum plans to hold the after-hours parties four times a year. (AP)

1 Marquis and Lannan must return to form. Washington signed durable right-hander Jason Marquis, right, to a two-year, \$14 million deal last off-season, but after a handful of tragically bad starts early in the season he spent most of the year on the disabled list. By September, he was showing flashes of his old self. If he can log close to 200 innings, as he has for most of his career, it'll be a good sign for the Nationals.

Left-hander John Lannan, left, had been rock-solid reliable in his brief career — until last year. He struggled and, with a 5.76 ERA in June, was eventually demoted to Class AA. In 11 starts after returning to the Nationals, he had a 3.24 ERA.



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Redskins Must Still Haunt Zorn

Three years ago this week, Jim Zorn became the head coach of the Washington Redskins.

It's a day he probably wishes he could take back.

Had owner Daniel Snyder and team Vice President Vinny Cerrato not de-



By Matt Swenson

ecided on a whim to promote Zorn on Feb. 11 from offensive coordinator, the Z man would probably have been a whole lot better off.

Lest you forget, Zorn never actually served as offensive coordinator before getting the top job. Not just in Washington — anywhere.

His inexperience showed. Two miserable years later, Zorn was put out of his misery with a merciful firing.

The toxic stench emitting from Redskins Park is tough to shake.

But the toxic stench emitting from Redskins Park is tough to shake.

After one year serving as quarterbacks coach in Baltimore, the Ravens gave Zorn the ax even though Joe Flacco's numbers increased from 2009 to 2010. The Ravens even had the gall to hint that Zorn was insubordinate, something even Snyder never claimed — even when the coach would have great cause to act defiantly in Washington.

And so it was on Tuesday that the Kansas City Chiefs scooped Zorn up as their new quarterbacks coach. It's a good hire for Kansas City but a sad one for Zorn.

Had he never entered the circus in Washington, he'd probably be running his own offense by now.

Instead, he's tainted with his expired affiliation with the Redskins.



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MAKING THEIR PITCH

2 Zimmermann must take the next step.

Last year was about recovering from ligament replacement surgery he underwent in 2009. In 2010, he made seven starts, with middling results, but that was beside the point. This is the year that counts, the year that the organization needs the 24-year-old right-hander to provide results that approach the club's sky-high expectations of him. His progress may also serve as a bit of barometer of what to expect when Stephen Strasburg returns from his arm injury later this year.



3 Wang must arrive, finally.

Right-hander Chien-Ming Wang missed all of last season with an elbow injury and has already indicated he'll likely start this season on the disabled list. But if he can get fully healthy — and that's a big "if" — he can be the front-line starter that Rizzo missed out on this off-season. Wang twice won 18 games with the New York Yankees, and during his four seasons before the injury struck, he never had an ERA higher than 4.07.

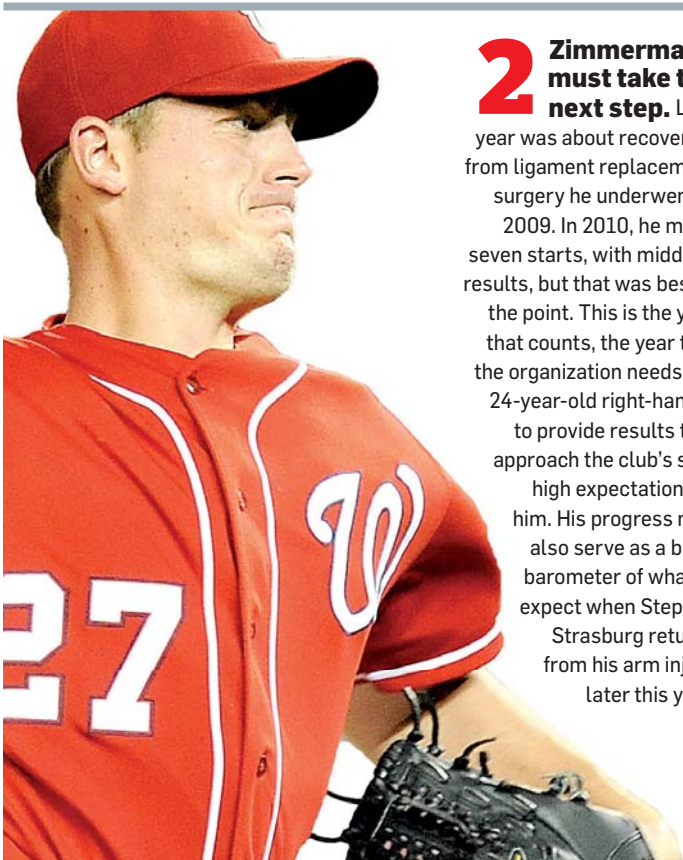
After striking out on a big-name ace, the Nats rely on old faces

The Nationals

Entering the off-season, General Manager Mike Rizzo proclaimed that acquiring a front-line starting pitcher was his No. 1 priority. Even after the Nationals made a huge splash by slugger Jayson Werth, Rizzo continued his pursuit. One by one, though, the big names were plucked away.

Then last month, the Nationals made their move, sending a package of prospects to the Cubs in return for — wait for it — Tom Gorzelanny. The owner of a 36-37 career record with a 4.68 ERA adds experience and depth, but the Nats must rely on pitchers who were in the organization a year ago who either need to stay healthy or reach their potential — or both. Here are three things that must happen for the Nationals' rotation to be a success. **DEREK TURNER**

Pressure Mounting: St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa says first baseman Albert Pujols and his representatives are being pressured by the players union to only agree to a record contract. Pujols is eligible to become a free agent after the season and has set a Wednesday noon deadline to reach a new deal. LaRussa hit the union for its mentality: "Set the bar, set the bar. You've got to deal with it. It's not the way it should be." (AP)



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Hoyas Hoops

It seems a whole season ago Georgetown was starting out its conference play on a losing note. Now, the No. 3-ranked Big East team has broken the national top 10 (No. 9) to the tune of eight-straight wins.

A combination of mental refocusing and simple execution of basic principles has been the guiding factor through the streak in close games against tough teams, and will be one that will continue to help the Hoyas, who face Connecticut Wednesday night.

"We know what we have to do every possession is be focused and execute at both ends of the court," said coach John Thompson III. "Now, they knew that in those [early] games, also. I think, in general, we have had a better ... focus on what needs to be done as a unit, as a group."

It may seem cliché, but teamwork has been key in the Hoyas' recent effectiveness. Different stars have shone on different nights. The Big Three of Chris Wright, Austin Freeman and Jason Clark have shared leading scoring numbers. But they are not alone in contributing.



Freshman Nate Lubick has taken over as starting forward for Georgetown.

Julian Vaughn has settled nicely into his role, rebounding 6.5 on average but notching big games, including a Feb. 5 win against Providence, when he grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds to go with 14 points, his third career double-double.

And freshman Nate Lubick replaced the slightly smaller sophomore Hollis Thompson as the starting forward, upgrading Georgetown's defense inside. But Thompson has remained crucial, including his 13-rebound performance in the Hoyas' 69-60 win against Marquette on Sunday.

"We have confidence in ourselves, and we believe in each other," Wright said. "We know if we stick together and don't get rattled, we usually come out on the positive side." **KRYSTINA LUCIDO**

TV Lineup

WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN) Can the Wizards make it two-straight road wins when visiting the Orlando Magic?
CAPITALS (10 P.M., CSN) The Caps try to snap a three-game losing streak when visiting the Anaheim Ducks.
HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M., MASN) The No. 9 Hoyas aim for a ninth-straight win when visiting Connecticut.
PRO BASKETBALL (9 P.M., ESPN) The Denver Nuggets visit the

Milwaukee Bucks.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN, ESPN2; 9 P.M., ESPN2; 11 P.M., ESPN2) Cincinnati tips off against Louisville while Virginia hosts Duke; Texas is eyeing the No. 1 ranking when it plays Oklahoma State, and Saint Mary's visits San Diego.
PRO HOCKEY (8 P.M., VERSUS) The Chicago Blackhawks face off against the Minnesota Wild.

Caps Seek a Spark on the Road



The Capitals

Before the Capitals began their five-game road trip, which began on Monday night in Phoenix, the team played what many believed to be their worst game of the season.

In Saturday's 4-1 loss to the Los Angeles Kings, the Caps' lethargic work ethic came under scrutiny not only by the media, but also the players themselves.

After the loss, a players-only meeting was held in the place of the usual Bruce Boudreau post-

game speech. When asked about the tone of meeting, forward Matt Hendricks gave a short reply after a long pause: "Encouragement."

As the Caps enter Wednesday's contest against the Anaheim Ducks, it still remains to be seen whether the extra encouragement will spark a winning streak.

During Monday night's 3-2 loss to the Phoenix Coyotes, very little appeared to have changed from their Saturday afternoon meltdown. Despite striking first after a fluky Marcus Johansson goal, the Caps immediately gave up a goal and then failed to convert on any of their five power play chances.

When the Caps fell behind 3-1,

Youth Movement

The Caps opted for a youth movement at center this season by turning to Marcus Johansson and Mathieu Perreault rather than re-sign veterans Brenden Morrison and Eric Belanger. Here's how it has worked out so far.

- Morrison: 9 goals, 26 assists
- Belanger: 7 goals, 17 assists
- Perreault: 6 goals, 6 assists
- Johansson: 8 goals, 6 assists

forward Matt Bradley resurrected any hopes of a win with a wrist shot that beat Coyotes goalie Ilya Bryzgalov, but it wasn't enough.

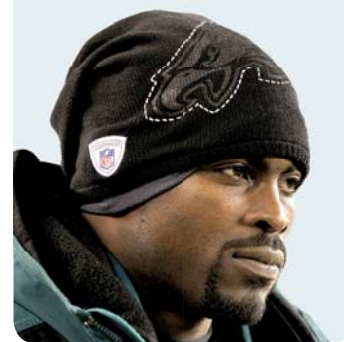
Washington's loss in the desert not only starts off a grueling road trip in an uneventful fashion, but it has dropped the team to sixth place in the Eastern Conference.

Since Dec. 2, the Caps have gone 11-12-8, and if the losing trend continues, falling out of the playoffs becomes a very real possibility. Any chance of the Caps' catching Tampa Bay for the Southeast Division lead is dwindling, and the team has few answers for its poor play.

"I don't know what we're waiting for," Mike Knuble said. "There's a lot to play for — as players, as individuals, as a team. Every game is important. Those are huge points we left on the table." **REED S. ALBERS**

Labels

THE EAGLES on Tuesday placed the franchise tag on Pro Bowl quarterback Michael Vick, who led Philadelphia to a 10-6 record and the NFC East title this season. Despite missing three games with an injury, Vick set career highs in yards passing (3,018), touchdowns passing (21), touchdowns rushing (9), completion percentage (62.6) and passer rating (100.2). With his new label, Vick must make the average of the top five salaries at his position. (AP)



In the Clear: Alberto Contador was cleared of doping Tuesday after the Spanish cycling federation reversed its proposal to ban him for one year for a positive test at the Tour de France. Contador will keep his third Tour title and can ride in this year's race, but the International Cycling Union and the World Anti-Doping Agency can appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Contador blamed contaminated beef for a failed drug test. (AP)



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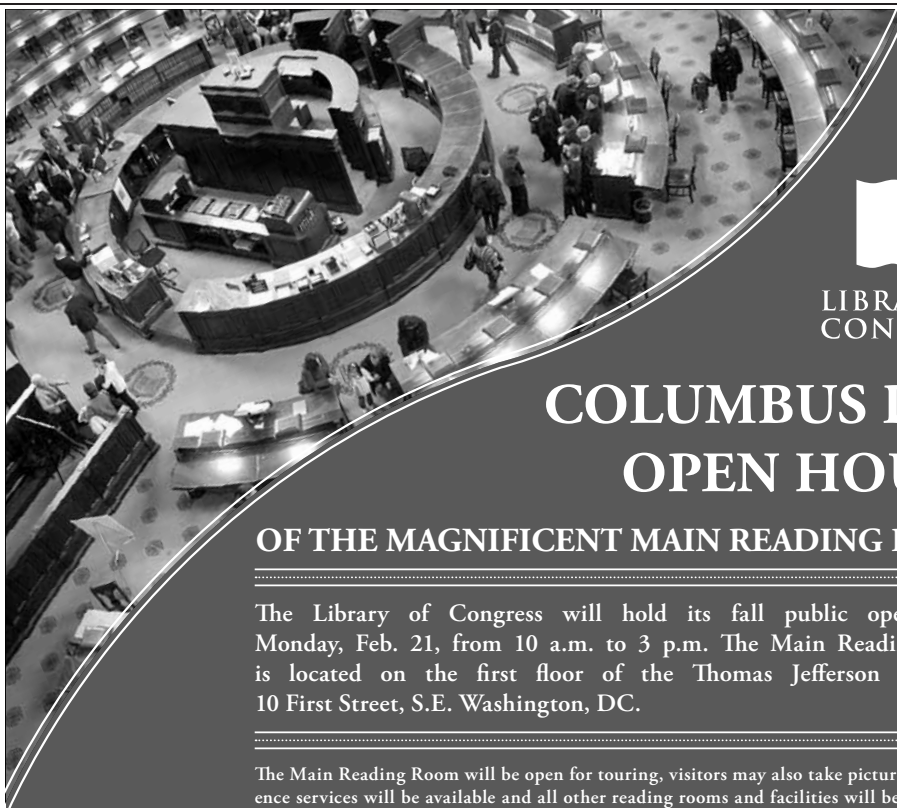
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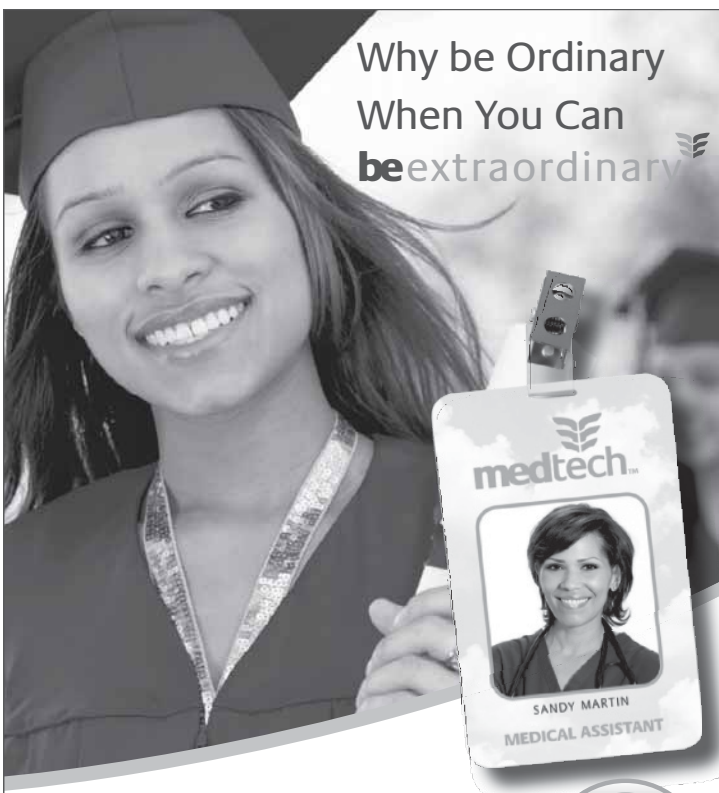
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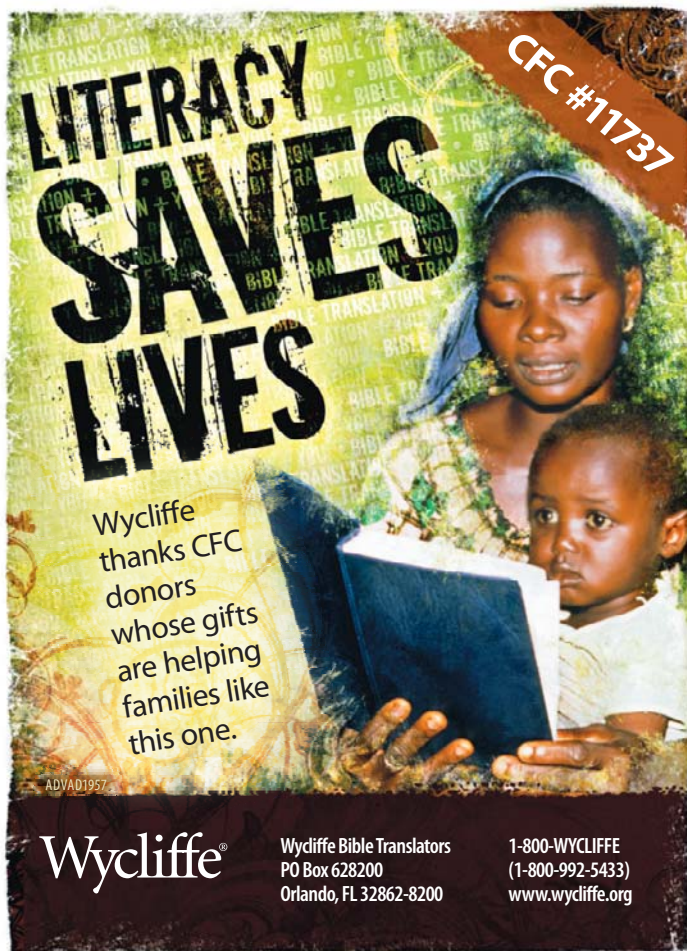
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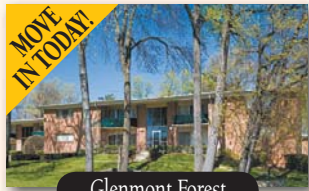
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Academia

Corey Olsen had a lot to say about J.R.R. Tolkien. But it seemed a pity to consign his thoughts to a scholarly journal, to be read by a few hundred fellow academics who already knew enough about the author of "The Lord of the Rings."

So, in spring 2007, the Washington College professor took his scholarship public, with a podcast called "How to Read Tolkien and Why" and a website called the Tolkien Professor.

A million downloads later, Olsen is one of the most popular medievalists in America. His unusual path to success — a smartly branded website and a legion of iTunes listeners — marks an alternative to the publish-or-perish tradition of scholarship on the tenure track.

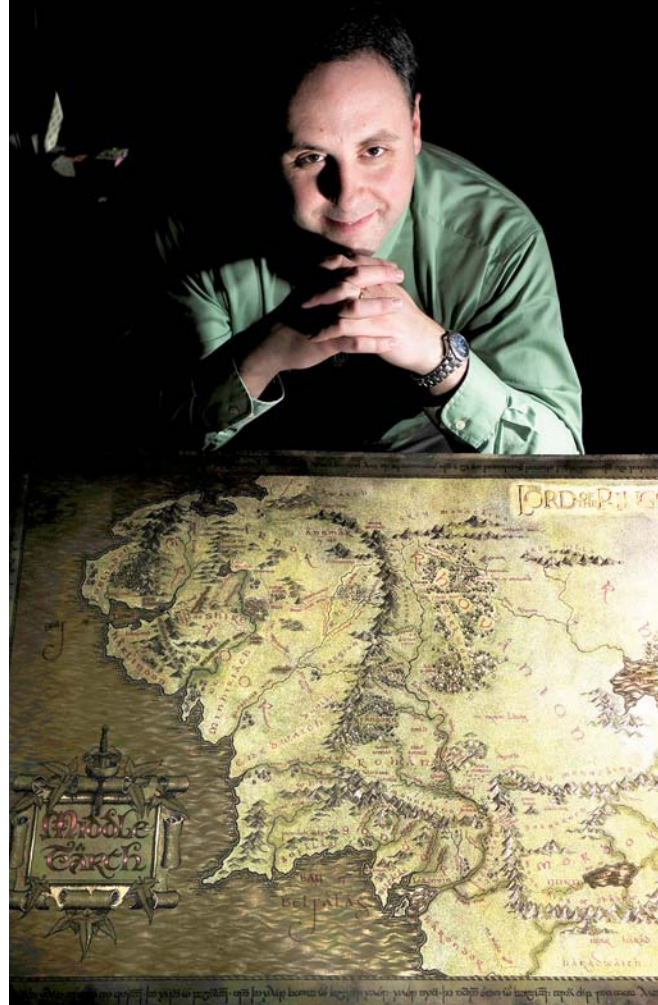
"Instead of spending all my time doing scholarly publishing, which we're told to do — which most people will never read — I basically decided to put myself out to the public," Olsen said.

It remains to be seen whether academia will reward Olsen or punish him for breaking out of his scholarly track. When it comes to building resumes and courting full professorships, podcasts don't typically count.

At 36, Olsen represents a new generation of professors who grew up around

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J. R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" has sold more than 100 million copies.

computers and know their way around an iPhone. The bookish son of a New Hampshire construction worker, Olsen read "The Hobbit" at age 8 and was a self-professed expert on "The Lord of the Rings" by seventh grade.

As an undergraduate at Williams College in Massachusetts, Olsen took "every medieval thing that they offered" and later earned a doctorate in medieval literature at Columbia.

He proved an immediate hit at Washington College, a small liberal arts school in Chestertown, Md, winning the school's top teaching award in 2007.

Olsen's website garnered little traffic until 2009, when he uploaded his introductory lecture to iTunes. He's put up 78 more podcasts since.

Olsen communes with his growing fan base in periodic Skype call-in sessions and on his Facebook page. The questions never cease: Do elves farm? What do orcs eat? Could any living author write a worthy sequel?

Naturally, Olsen knows all sorts of arcana about Tolkien and hobbits. He likes to note, for instance, that the One Ring of power and its corruptive influence weren't in the 1937 first edition of "The Hobbit." "Gollum and Bilbo end up shaking hands and waving," he chuckled. **DANIEL DE VISE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



Your Move, Netflix: Film nerds have long been willing to shell out \$20 extra (or more) for a Criterion Collection DVD over the standard studio version. The transfers are better, the special features plentiful, the packaging thoughtful. So, rejoice! Hulu Plus has acquired the rights to the whole shebang. About 150 are streamable as of now, with more to come; Hulu says it will release commentary tracks and other fanciness, too. **(EXPRESS)**

Men vs. Machine

It may not be Arnold Schwarzenegger mowing down cops in "Terminator," but there is, nevertheless, something very Skynet about watching IBM's Watson computer compete against humans on "Jeopardy!" this week.

Watson — named after IBM's founder, not Sherlock's sidekick — is a remarkable feat of engineering, much

more difficult to make than the company's Deep Blue computer that beat chess champ Gary Kasparov at his own game in 1997. Rather than building a machine able to make sense of English,

IBM made Watson fast enough to find hundreds of possible answers and to then pick the best one. Don't be fooled by the innocent-looking screensaver-esque device you see on TV (shown above, between competitors Ken Jennings, second from left, and Brad Rutter, right): "Watson" is actually composed of 90 servers.

After Watson's run on "Jeopardy!" ends Wednesday, IBM plans to use the technology in the financial and medical industries. That certainly sounds less ominous than "Terminator," but it's not without threat. As Stephen Baker, author of the upcoming book "Final Jeopardy," told CNN, "There's a concern for jobs that this type of computer is going to take away."

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By Kenneth Terrell



1 Fighting Irish
The Young Dubliners have been around since the late '80s, so they're really more like the Middle-Aged Dubliners. These guys (featuring lead singer Bob Boulding, third from left) are everything one needs in a Celtic-American rock band — folk songs, ballads, authority issues and a shanty or two. **Rams Head Live, 20 Market Place, Baltimore; 7 p.m., \$12.50; 410-244-1131, Ramsheadlive.com.**

2 Objective Truth
Because every single event this year has to relate to the Civil War (never before have so many people been able to use the word “ses- quicentennial” in conversation), the Smithsonian is hosting a lecture about New York Times reporting during the conflict. And — to journalism geeks, at least — the differences between newspapers then and now are fascinating. No charticles! **S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; Thu., 6:45 p.m., \$25; 202-633-3030, Smithsonianassociates.com. (Smithsonian)**

3 Tap It Out
Savion Glover is credited with bringing tap dancing back from the obscurity into which it fell after the golden age of Hollywood musicals. Glover, left, has a new show based on that tappingest of non-tap dances, flamenco. The focus is on the sound, not the movement — the feet as a percussion instrument. **Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 8 p.m., \$25-\$55; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor)**



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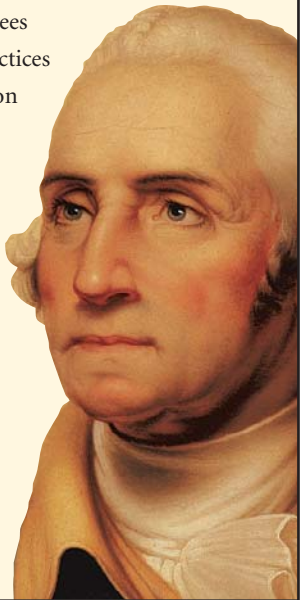
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TV tonight **lookout**



For "Survivor's" 23rd season, exiled competitors will have a chance to get back in the game after facing off in a duel.

'Survivor,' Rekindled

Ousted contestants get a second chance with a formula twist

Reality

CBS 8:00 With 22 seasons under its rustic belt, "Survivor" offers a new wrinkle in the formula. For years, getting eliminated meant just that. It was Paradise Lost, a goodbye wave to media Eden as the acrid smoke of your extinguished tribal-council torch singed

your nostrils and stung your tear-stained cheeks.

Now there's "Survivor: Redemption Island." That's the adjacent domain where the recently rejected get the chance to return, re-strategize and revive their chances for the \$2 million prize. But it's no picnic. Contestants doomed to Redemption Island must defeat those who arrive after them in a duel. So, like the fate of any gladiator, victory only ensures the opportunity to fight again. And again.

For some, "Survivor" has always

been a metaphor for a savagely Darwinian pop culture — survival of the fittest and all that. Now, under the thin veneer of "redemption," they get to double the dose of desperation in each episode.

If this succeeds, you can only imagine further-flung islands of purgatorial play. Will there be an Island of Third Chances? And is that anywhere near the Island of Misfit Toys?

The possibilities for spin-offs are endless. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIT-ED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

Best Bets

FOX 8:00

American Idol In a two-hour episode, the action shifts to Hollywood as judges Jennifer Lopez, right; Randy Jackson; and Steven Tyler continue their search for America's next musical superstar by winnowing down the pool of hopefuls to 20.



ABC 8:30

Better With You Heading out for a job interview, Casey borrows a leather jacket, unaware that it has a history of bringing the wearer bad luck — including Ben, who was wearing it when he accidentally dropped a blanket on New York Yankee outfielder Nick Swisher during a game.

FX 10:00

Justified Raylan (Timothy Olyphant) races to find a pregnant fugitive who has fallen into the hands of human traffickers. "Fried Green Tomatoes" helmer Jon Avnet directs this new episode.

CBS 10:00



Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior

In this spin-off of the hit forensic drama, an elite team of agents led by Special Agent Sam Cooper (Forest Whitaker, left) within the Behavioral Analysis Unit employs unusual methods to capture twisted criminals. Janeane Garofalo and Kirsten Vangsness also star. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Investigation



Life: The Recipe

"Nova scienceNOW's" "Where Did We Come From?" (8 p.m., PBS) explores the question of where the first living thing on Earth came from, in the wake of a chemist's discovery that yielded a new "recipe" for how natural process might assemble and create the building blocks of life. Head lice, above, which have been tormenting mankind for most of our existence, turn out to be a treasure trove of clues about human evolution. **(TM)**

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Such is the Vietnamese capital, lurching into the 21st century with the swirl of unfettered street capitalism set to the soundtrack of communist proclamations.

The Old Quarter is arguably the epicenter for the city's connec-



Tourists ride cyclos in the Old Quarter neighborhood in Hanoi, Vietnam, in 2008.

tions to its past. Wander its criss-cross of streets and you'll discover a district known as 36 Streets, named for the craft guilds that populated the neighborhood over the centuries, mixing Vietnamese and

Chinese merchants and artisans together. Silk Street (Hang Gai), Silver Street (Hang Bac) and Sails Street (Hang Buom), among others, all offer their crafts and other goods for tourists or locals. The Old

Visit Vietnam

Whether it's a hankering for authentic pho or a curiosity for ancient architecture, Hanoi's Old Quarter has something for everyone.

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Quarter's oldest building, the Bach Ma (White Horse) Temple, dates back to Hanoi's original incarnation as the imperial city of Thang Long — Soaring Dragon.

While the Old Quarter connects to Hanoi's past, it is otherwise a city that's soaring into the future. Some would say it's about time. **MIKE ECKEL (AP)**

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turnip

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**celery root**

Also known as celeriac, this herby, crunchy baby is nice grated in salads.

**rutabaga**

Parboiling this root before mashing or roasting helps make it buttery. Sub it for spuds in recipes.



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(Don't) Put Down Roots

Roast or mash turnips, parsnips and pals from dreaded to delicious

Vegetables

Pity the parsnip. The root vegetable — and its equally maligned, grown-below-ground cousins celery root (aka celeriac), turnips and rutabagas — could be called the nerds of the produce aisle. Yes, they can taste earthy and sweet, especially now, when they're among the only fresh things at the market. But many people have memories of over-boiled, overly bitter root veggies from childhood. And like butter on a carrot, the rep sticks. One anonymous quote says, "Never eat rutabaga on any day of the week that has a 'y' in it."

Still, spurred by the locavore movement and the winter veggies' versatile, starchy profile, chefs and home cooks are cozying up to these homey, often homely lower extremities.

To fans, rutabagas can taste richer than any potato; turnips have a pleasant tang; and woodsy, herbaceous celery root makes a classic French coleslaw-like dish when grated and mixed with mayo, mustard and lemon juice. The latter "does have a strong taste," says

British food writer Diana Henry, author of "Plenty" (\$30, Mitchell Beazley). "It's best to mix it with something."

"Root vegetables can be intimidating because of that inherent bitterness," says Antonio Burrell, chef de cuisine at Masa 14 (1825 14th St. NW; 202-328-1414). "But if you blanch them before cooking them and put a little sugar in, that gives them a nice sweetness." Burrell serves pureed parsnips under Waygu beef medallions at the restaurant.

It helps to think of the carrot and the potato, those below-surface MVPs, when figuring out what to do with other root vegetables. Because of their high starch content, roots roast well. "Cut parsnips and turnips into pieces of the same size, then roast them at 375 for 30 minutes or so," says chef Tony Chittum of Vermillion (1120 King St., Alexandria; 703-684-9669), whose winter vegetable salad at the restaurant uses baby turnips, beets and radishes.

Any recipe that requires a hash or grated cut suits root vegetables; think dim sum-inspired turnip latkes or a

rutabaga-gruyere gratin. "It's good to make them quite buttery," Henry says. "Season them well, and root veg can become luxurious, especially if you add cream or blue cheese."

Turnips, parsnips and rutabagas can also go into mash-ups and purees, whether on their own or in combination. Simply peel them and cut them into large chunks as you would

spuds, then boil until tender and mash or whirl in a food processor.

Just know that rutabagas take a bit longer to cook than other roots, so boil or parboil them for 10 or 15 extra minutes. Root vegetables also add body and flavor to wintry soups.

Still, when preparing these seasonal stars, "don't just plunk them in water and boil everything out of them," Henry says. "Cook them in stock and add a little sugar, and you'll have something entirely different and good."

And if anyone disdains your new fave foods, remind them that ancient Greeks claimed a mix of parsnips, turnips and acorns amounted to natural Viagra. That's mighty sexy for a spurned root. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**

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BEET, CELERY ROOT AND SWEET SMOKED MACKEREL SALAD

Dressing

- 2 1/2 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- Pinch of sugar
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp finely chopped dill

Salad

- 1 lb celery root
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 3 cups cooked beets cut in wedges
- 12 oz. smoked mackerel
- 2 oz. watercress



Serves 6

To make the dressing, just mix everything together.

Peel the celery root; cut flesh into thick matchsticks. Put these immediately into a bowl of water mixed with lemon juice to prevent discoloration. Halve or quarter the beets.

Break the fish into very large flakes, discarding the skin. Drain celery root and pat it dry. Toss it with fish, watercress and most of the dressing. Add the beets and drizzle on the remaining dressing. Serve immediately.

FROM "PLENTY" BY DIANA HENRY

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COMMENTER NATS FAN

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"One of the most depressing D.C. sports clips I've seen in recent weeks came last week, when Comcast SportsNet's Chris Miller asked JaVale McGee what it would mean to the Wizards organization if he could win the NBA's slam dunk competition. That's just pure sadness in 17 words."

— VOICES.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/DCSPORTSBOG FINDS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WIZARDS FRANCHISE DEPRESSING.

"Hell, yeah, unless my husband's last name is 'Awesome,' I'm keeping mine."

— A COMMENTER AT JEZEBEL.COM REACTS TO NEWS THAT A GROUP OF JAPANESE WOMEN FILED A CHALLENGE MONDAY TO A 19TH-CENTURY LAW THAT COMPELS ALMOST ALL FEMALES TO DROP THEIR MAIDEN NAMES AND ASSUME THEIR HUSBAND'S SURNAMES WHEN THEY MARRY.



"Not to raise expectations, but that previously untitled 'Spider-Man' reboot ... has landed an uninspired official name based on one of the franchise's long-running comic books: 'The Amazing Spider-Man' — not to be confused with any other less amazing 'Spider-Man' movie that has come before."

— BLOGS.INDIEWIRE.COM/THOMPSONONHOLLYWOOD IS AMBIVALENT ABOUT THE NAME OF THE NEW FILM CURRENTLY SHOOTING WITH ANDREW GARFIELD AND EMMA STONE.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Unanticipated variations from what is expected can prove quite damaging if you're not willing to work with what comes your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can enjoy going over a past success with someone who is rising through the ranks. He or she looks up to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An important project either begins or ends — and in one or two rare cases, the differences between the possibilities are eradicated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You know how to get others to respond as you would like, but take care you only manipulate them in this way once or twice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can use your particular charms to your advantage, surely, but don't cross the line into impropriety of any kind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your prospects are improving at this time, but if someone gives you permission to make a move in a quick and unexpected fashion, do it right away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Now is the time for you to do something for a loved one that is not expected but is surely to result in something very good indeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can get things done on time, but are you doing them as well as you can? Do more than simply watch the clock.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can expect that circumstances will demand that you change your mind once, twice or even three times during this busy, unusual day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're able to spot certain important opportunities before they become apparent to anyone else, and the rewards may be yours alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) That which is swift and unexpected may also be rather harmful; take care to position yourself so that you can see things coming.

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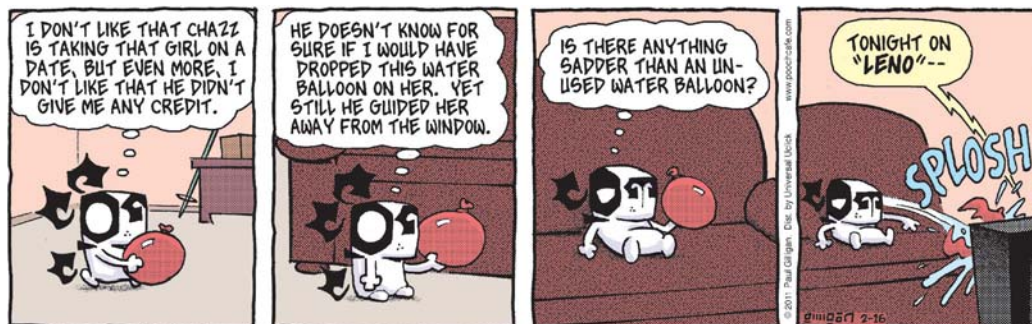
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people **lookout****REALITY****'Flavor Flav Studies for The GED' Not as Exciting**

Now that he's opened a chicken restaurant in Clinton, Iowa, Flavor Flav wants to earn his high school diploma in the town and record his efforts for a new reality TV show. Flav says he dropped out of school in 10th grade. This past week he pitched "Flavor Flav Goes Back to High School" to the Clinton school superintendent and a school board member. (AP)

**VICIOUS CYCLE****Another Woman on TV Pulls Hair, Cliche Persists**

Sharon Osbourne and a former contestant on her VH1 show "Rock of Love Charm School" have settled a battery and negligence lawsuit on Monday, the eve of trial. Megan Hauserman sued Osbourne in March 2009, claiming the wife of Ozzy Osbourne struck her and pulled her hair. VH1 promoted the fracas as "Sharon and Megan's big fight" at the time of airing. (AP)



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Victims**Paula Is Nothing Without Judging**

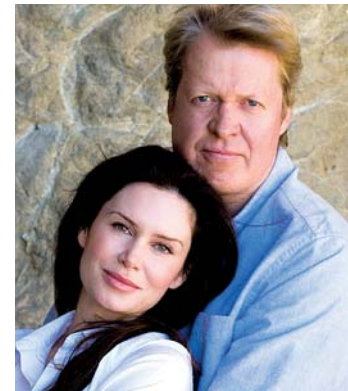
Paula Abdul's CBS talent show, "Live to Dance," has not been renewed for a second season, according to Radaronline.com. An unnamed source says Abdul wants Simon Cowell to recruit her for "The X Factor": "All she can do is sit tight and wait to see if her phone rings, and if it does, hope it will be Simon on the other end." (EXPRESS)

**PARENTS****Achy Breaky, So Dramatic-y**

Billy Ray Cyrus says "Hannah Montana" destroyed his family, causing his divorce and corrupting his daughter Miley Cyrus. The country star told GQ he "would erase it all in a second" if it would bring his family back together. Cyrus says Miley is in a downward spiral and that he refused to attend her 18th birthday party because "it was wrong" to have it in a bar. Billy Ray Cyrus compares his daughter's current path with those of stars whose lives ended tragically, including Kurt Cobain, Anna Nicole Smith and Michael Jackson. (AP)

"What do I crave? I love salt on toast."

— VICTORIA BECKHAM TELLS ALLURE MAGAZINE THAT SHE LOVES CARBS AND EATS "A LOT." THE FORMER SPICE GIRL IS PREGNANT WITH HER FOURTH CHILD.



Charles Spencer's private, at-home wedding has totally ruined everything!

BLASPHEMY**Another British Royal Dares to Marry in 2011**

Charles Spencer, brother of Princess Diana, will be tying the knot with Canadian philanthropist Karen Gordon at his ancestral home in Althorp, England, on June 18. Spencer, 46, is an earl, a journalist and the author of books such as "The Spencer Family" and "Blenheim: Battle for Europe." Gordon is the founder and chief executive of the children's aid charity Whole Child International. This will be Spencer's third marriage. (AP)

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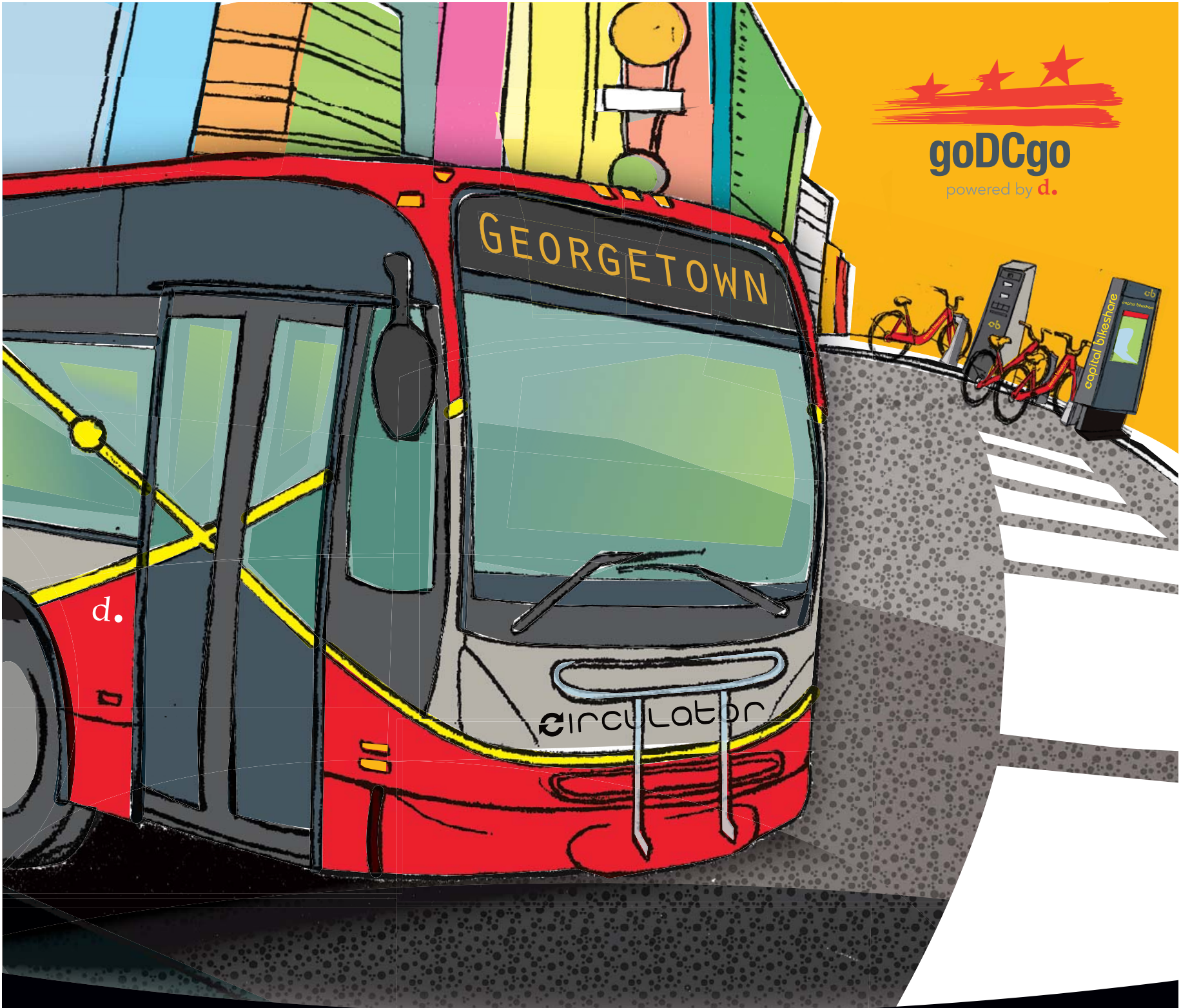
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